

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 27, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 20-38 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claims 1-19 have been cancelled by Applicant without prejudice and new claims 20-38 have been added. No new matter has been added by either the amendments or new claims.

Claims 1-15 have been rejected by the Examiner and claims 16-19 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claim 1 has been objected to because of an informality. Use of the term "body" is now consistent through claim 20 and its dependents. Use of the term "body" is also consistent through claim 31 and its dependents. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-15 have been canceled. New claims 20 and 31 (and thus their dependents) each positively recite the tool as an element of the claim. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7-8 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2004/0099553 to *Chen*'553. Claims 1-5 and 7-8 have been canceled. Regarding claims 20-30, *Chen*'553 does not teach, suggest, or disclose a physically separate cable tie, as recited in claim 20. *Chen*'553's fastener 16,17,24,26,28 is an integral component of the first board 10 (specifically, the fourth section). This distinction is significant as it undoubtedly increases the manufacturing cost of *Chen*'553's hanger in comparison to the invention as recited in claim 20 because *Chen*'553's fastener must be custom manufactured. Therefore, claim 20 (and its dependents: claims 21-30) is patentable over *Chen*'553.

Regarding claims 31-38, *Chen*'553 does not teach, suggest, or disclose a cable tie disposed through an opening in the tool. Therefore, claim 31 (and its dependents: claims 32-38) is patentable over *Chen*'553.

Claims 1 and 9-15 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,637,591 to *Chen*'591. Claims 1 and 9-15 have been canceled. Regarding claims 20-38, *Chen*'591 does not teach, suggest or disclose a cable tie as recited in claims 20 and 31. Therefore, claims 20 and 31 (and their dependents: claims 21-30 and 32-38, respectively) are patentable over *Chen*'591.

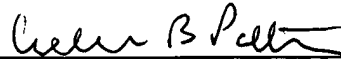
Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chen*'553 in view of U.S. 6,935,516 to *Chiang*. Claim 6 has been canceled. Regarding claims 20-30, Applicants assert priority to the parent application (10/463,205) which was filed June 17, 2003. The parent application contains Figures 1-7 and a substantially identical description thereof, from which claims 20-30 are adequately supported. *Chiang* was filed September 23, 2003 and is therefore not prior art against claims 20-30. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding claims 31-38, neither *Chen*'553 nor *Chiang* teach, suggest, or disclose a cable tie, as recited in claim 31. Therefore, claim 31 (and its dependents: claims 32-38) is patentable over *Chen*'553 in view of *Chiang*.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. Patterson
Registration No. 34,102
PATTERSON & SHERIDAN, L.L.P.
3040 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1500
Houston, TX 77056
Telephone: (713) 623-4844
Facsimile: (713) 623-4846
Attorney for Applicant(s)